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North Oconee High School Principal selected as PDK Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—Philip M. Brown, the principal at North Oconee High School in Bogart, Ga., has been named a PDK Emerging Leader for his work building a thriving and dynamic local school climate and culture. Brown earned this distinction because of his work rallying school staff and students around a common purpose — improving student outcomes.

“I measure success based on student outcomes,” Brown said. “Do we do enough to provide leadership opportunities to our students? Are our students being accepted into the college of their choice? Are we hiring the right people to serve as educators? I work to create a school environment where all of our decisions are made in the best interests of students rather than for the convenience of adults.”

PDK International, the education association that has recognized Brown as an up-and-coming leader in the K-12 profession, will host Brown and 25 other education change agents at a weekend networking event this December. The PDK Emerging Leaders will gather in Washington, D.C., meet with federal education policymakers, and share best practices with each other.

“The Emerging Leaders program is our way of paying it forward in public education,” said William J. Bushaw, PDK International’s executive director. “We find people under 40 who are standouts in the profession and we bring them together for a weekend of networking and expertise-sharing in the nation’s capital. By investing in these young leaders, we are investing in the future.”

PDK International is an association that represents nearly 30,000 professionals in K-12 education across the country. Every year, it recognizes a new class of PDK Emerging Leaders. For more information on PDK’s 2013-2014 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org. Information about PDK International is at www.pdkintl.org.

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